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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
MASAHIRO MOTOYUKI ET AL : EXAMINER:  
NEW REISSUE OF  
U.S. PATENT NO. 6,018,086 :  
FILED: HEREWITH : GROUP ART UNIT:  
FOR: PROCESS FOR PREPARING  
2,6-DIALKYLNAPHTHALENE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

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Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the application identified above as follows (marked-up copy of amendments attached):

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new Claims 28-31 as follows:

28. A process for preparing a polyester resin comprising:  
producing 2,6-dialkylnaphthalene from a feedstock by the process of Claim 22;  
oxidizing the 2,6-dialkylnaphthalene to form 2,6-naphthalenedicarboxylic acid; and  
manufacturing the polyester resin from the 2,6-naphthalene-dicarboxylic acid.

29. A process for preparing a polyester resin comprising:  
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esterifying the 2,6-naphthalenedicarboxylic acid with methanol to form a 2,6-naphthalenedicarboxylate; and

manufacturing the polyester resin from the 2,6-naphthalenedicarboxylate.

30. A process for preparing a polyester resin comprising:  
producing 2,6-dialkylnaphthalene from a feedstock by the process of Claim 24;  
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SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENT

This Preliminary Amendment adds new Claims 28-31. Support for the amendment is found in the specification and claims as originally filed. In particular, support is found in the specification at least at page 11, lines 1-18. No new matter will be introduced by entry of these amendments.

Upon entry of these amendments, Claims 1-31 will be pending in this application. Claims 1 and 20-27 are independent.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request early and favorable examination and allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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